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<u>Summary</u>	As a trial attorney with more than twenty years of courtroom experience and exceptional presentation skills, I look forward to sharing with prospective attorneys best practices for zealously representing their clients in accord with legal procedure and the rule of law.
<u>Jurisdictions</u>	Admitted to practice in the states of Tennessee, Texas, Pennsylvania; Western District of Tennessee; United States Supreme Court.
<u>Experience</u>	<u>Legal</u>
2022-2025	Trial Attorney , U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., Criminal Division, Computer Crime and Intellectual Property Section. Responsibilities included working with case teams in the United States to investigate and prosecute cybercrime; working with international prosecutors and law enforcement agencies to investigate cybercrime, intellectual property crimes, and laundering of criminal proceeds through cryptocurrency assets; obtaining evidence located outside the United States; training U.S. prosecutors on best practices for obtaining and understanding electronic evidence and using that evidence in court; training investigators, attorneys, and the judiciary in other countries on electronic evidence and investigating and preventing intellectual property crimes.
2010-2022	Assistant United States Attorney , Western District of Tennessee, Memphis Division. Served as coordinator of the Project Safe Childhood section and as the Computer, High Tech and Intellectual Property prosecutor. Responsibilities included prosecuting cyber-enabled crimes against children; cyber-enabled fraud; trial; writing appellate briefs and presenting argument before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Other duties included extensive schedule of community outreach presentation for to children, parents, and community groups on internet safety and programs for business professionals on cybersecurity.
2008-2010	Prosecutor , Chester County (Pennsylvania) District Attorney's Office.
2004-2010	Prosecutor , Bexar County District Attorney's Office, San Antonio, Texas, Family Justice/Victim Protection Unit, focused on domestic violence, child abuse, child sexual abuse.
2002-2004	Intern , Bexar County District Attorney's Office, appellate and child protective services divisions.
2003	Teaching Assistant , St. Mary's University School of Law, first-year legal research and writing.

2002-2003 **Law Clerk**, association of civil attorneys practicing insurance defense, personal injury, employment law.

Publication

2025 *Effectively Engaging with Victim Companies in Intellectual Property Cases*, Anand Patel, Debra Ireland, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE JOURNAL OF FEDERAL LAW AND PRACTICE, CYBERLAW: THREATS AND SOLUTIONS, Volume 73, Number 1, March 2025.

2004 *The Price of Education: What Local Control is Costing American Children*, THE Q SCHOLAR, ST. MARY'S LAW REVIEW ON MINORITY ISSUES, Spring 2004.

Selected International Presentations

2023 Department of Justice, International Computer and Intellectual Property (ICHIP) training for prosecutors and investigators on prevention of intellectual property crimes related to microprocessor technology, Mexico City, Mexico

2023 ICHIP training for law enforcement, investigating intellectual property crimes, Budapest, Hungary

2022 U.S. Patent and Trademark Office intellectual property crime training for judiciary and attorneys, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

2022 ICHIP training for prosecutors, electronic evidence, Dar es Salam, Tanzania

2022 ICHIP training for prosecutors, electronic evidence, Livingstone, Zambia

2019 Department of Justice's Office of Prosecutorial Development and Training, electronic evidence for prosecutors and investigators, Accra, Ghana

Recognition

2024 United States Assistant Attorney General's Award – for the team that investigated, prosecuted, and dismantled LockBit ransomware group

2016 U.S. Attorney's Spirit of Excellence Award

2013 U.S. Attorney's Spirit of Excellence Award

Education

2004 J.D., St. Mary's University School of Law, San Antonio, Texas

1984 B.A., Communication Arts, Gannon University, Erie, Pennsylvania

Specialized Instruction

2020 Department of Justice, skills for presenting to multi-lingual, multi-cultural audiences

Experience Administrative

1987-1988 **Executive director**, Erie Summer Festival of the Arts. Responsibilities: grant writing, volunteer coordination.

1994-1995 **Director of Program**, American Lung Association of Northwest Pennsylvania. Supervised staff of four, coordinated educational programs, public relations, special events.

1998-1989 **Public relations**, Erie Historical Museum and Planetarium.

1985-1996 **Account executive**, JRO Advertising.

Experience Broadcast Media and Related

1982-2002 Hosted morning radio programs in Pennsylvania and Texas for approximately ten years total; voice-over acting; promotions; production and editing. Performed extensively with theater organizations; free-lance movie critic for Times Publishing Company, Erie, Pennsylvania.